<u>REMARKS</u>

This application is a continuation of Serial No. 10/244,036. The claims which were allowed in the parent application have been cancelled.

In the parent application, the Examiner rejected some of the claims including claims 1 and 15, which are pending in this application. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation of the *Noda*, *et al.* (6,425,206) reference and respectfully traverses the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 that was previously lodged against claims in the parent application.

The Examiner interprets the operation of the closer CZ from *Noda*, *et al.* as reading on "reduction of any slack between door and panel." Applicant respectfully disagrees. The closer CZ of *Noda*, *et al.* does not do anything for operating the motor relative to the sliding door of *Noda*, *et al.* The closer CZ is a separate device as can be appreciated from Figure 7, for example. The closer is a device that operates independent of the motor that moves the slideable door 5 and, therefore, does not reduce any slack between the motor and the door.

Noda, et al. does not teach Applicant's invention in any form and there is no prima facie case of obviousness because the claimed invention cannot be found by making any legally acceptable modification of Noda, et al.

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims in this application are allowable.

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